

REMARKS

Entry of Amendment and IDS

As Applicants are filing a RCE herewith, this amendment and the accompanying IDS should be entered and considered by the Examiner at this time.

Applicants will now address each of the Examiner's rejections in the order in which they appear in the Final Rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

In the Final Rejection, the Examiner continues to reject Claims 1-18 under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Cok et al. (US 6,911,772). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

While Applicants traverse this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are amending independent Claims 1, 2 and 13. In particular, Claim 1 has been amended to recite the features of “a first transparent substrate and a second transparent substrate which sandwich the first to third light-emitting elements”, and “wherein luminescence passing the first electrode and the first transparent substrate and luminescence passing the second electrode and the second transparent substrate are the same in a color coordinate.” Hence, luminescence passing the first electrode passes the first transparent substrate and luminescence passing the second electrode passes the second transparent substrate. Independent Claims 2 and 13 have been amended to recite similar features. These features are supported by, for example, page 8, lines 3-7 in the specification and Fig. 4B in the present application.

In contrast, Cok does not disclose or suggest these claimed features. For example, in Cok, luminescence passing the “first electrode” 18 does not pass substrate 12. See e.g. Fig. 3 in

Cok. Further, Cok states at col. 3, lines 44-47 that “Light that is emitted toward the substrate 12 is reflected from the first electrodes 18 and passes through the light emitters and the filter layer 40 and is emitted through the cover 36” (emphasis added). Therefore in Cok, luminescence does not pass substrate 12 but is reflected. Hence, Cok does not disclose or suggest the above amended features of independent Claim 1. For similar reasons, Cok does not disclose or suggest the amended features of independent Claims 2 and 13.

Therefore, Cok does not disclose or suggest the device of independent Claims 1, 2 and 13, and Claims 1, 2, and 13 and those claims dependent thereon are patentable over Cok. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

Claims 19-21

The Examiner also rejects Claims 19-21 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cok in view of Urabe et al. (US 6,614,174). This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

Each of these claims is a dependent claim. Therefore, for at least the reasons discussed above for the independent claims, each of these claims is also patentable over the cited references. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 22-27

The Examiner also rejects Claims 22-27 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cok in view of Urabe and further in view of Katsumoto et al. (US 2003/0170423). This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

Each of these claims is a dependent claim. Therefore, for at least the reasons discussed above for the independent claims, each of these claims is also patentable over the cited references. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants are submitting an information disclosure statement (IDS) herewith. It is respectfully requested that this IDS be entered and considered prior to the issuance of any further action on this application.

Conclusion

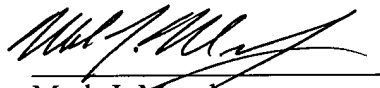
It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any further fee should be due for this amendment and/or the RCE, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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